

REMARKS

At the time of the Office Action dated June 28, 2006, claims 1-10 were pending in this application. Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-10 stand rejected, and claims 2 and 5 stand under objection because of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

In this Amendment, claims 2 and 5, indicated to be allowed, have been amended to be in independent form based on claim 1, and claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-10 have been canceled. The present Amendment does not generate any new matter or any new issue for that matter. Accordingly, entry of the present Amendment is solicited pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Applicants submit that the rejection of claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-10 under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103 has been rendered moot by cancellation of those claims. Accordingly, the application is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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